

**Ware River Watershed  
Public Tour of Proposed Watershed Forestry Projects  
Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:30 PM**

**Location:** Meet at the DCR Oakham Field Office at 578 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA 01068

**WRWAC Members Present:** Martha Gach (MA Audubon Society – Alternate), Matt Hopkinson (Sierra Club), John Root (Worcester County League of Sportsmen), Jeff Schaaf (Trout Unlimited), Dick Williams (Rutland Selectmen), Ed Yaglou (Upper Ware River Watershed Association – Alternate)

**DCR Staff Present:** Herm Eck, Justin Gonsor, Lisa Gustavsen, Steve Wood

**Tour Start Time: 6:35 PM**

The first proposed forestry project visited is located off of Coldbrook Road along the Barre/Rutland town line and consists of 40 acres. The plan is to harvest small groups of up to 1/3 of an acre. This lot contains rare species habitat; as a result, people from the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species (NHESP) will be consulted on how best to proceed.

The second proposed forestry project visited is located off of Marsh Lane in Barre and consists of 44 acres. Oak and Pine are the primary species. This lot also contains rare species habitat so the MA NHESP will be consulted on this project as well. There are a couple vernal pools located inside the lot, and even though they are not certified vernal pools, they will be treated as such.

The third proposed forestry project visited is located off of Elm Street in Barre and consists of 34 acres. The dominant forest types throughout the lot are white pine and spruce-larch.

**Tour End Time: 8:30 PM**